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In re Application of:)
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Renato CARETTA)
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Application Serial No. 10/616,977) Group Art Unit: 1733
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Filed: July 11, 2003) Examiner: Not yet assigned
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For: TYRE FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL)

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Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The items checked below are attached:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) ("IDS") (2 pages);
- ☒ First Form PTO 1449 (1 page);
- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) ("SIDS") (3 pages);
- ☒ Second Form PTO 1449 (1 page); and
- ☒ Copies of nine (9) documents (189 pages total).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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**LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on December 8, 2003. In reviewing our files, we find that we have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the references were considered by the examiner.

A copy of the as filed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and a copy the Information Disclosure Citation on Form PTO-1449 is attached. Also attached is a copy of the Transmittal Letter as retrieved from the Private PAIR website and stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt.

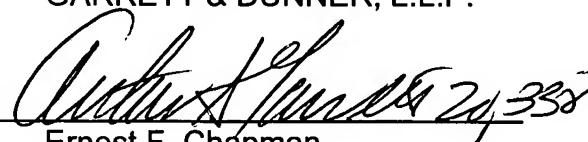
The examiner is respectfully requested either to send us a duplicate of the copy of the Form PTO-1449 or issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) which both acknowledges receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Information Disclosure Citation, and indicates that the reference were considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("SIDS") is being filed, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicant would like to point out to the Examiner the following seven pending patent applications that may be related to the present application:

(1) U.S. patent application No. 09/873,330, filed June 5, 2001 (corresponding to U.S. patent application publication No. US-2001-0023737-A1);

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(2) U.S. patent application No. 09/885,092, filed June 21, 2001 (corresponding to U.S. patent application publication No. US-2001-0042587-A1);

(3) U.S. patent application No. 09/970,221, filed October 2, 2001 (corresponding to U.S. patent application publication No. US-2002-0011297-A1);

(4) U.S. patent application No. 09/840,095, filed April 24, 2001 (corresponding to U.S. patent application publication No. US-2002-0029841-A1);

(5) U.S. patent application No. 09/983,671, filed October 25, 2001 (corresponding to U.S. patent application publication No. US-2002-0056498-A1);

(6) U.S. patent application No. 10/223,353, filed August 20, 2002 (corresponding to U.S. patent application publication No. US-2002-0189737-A1); and

(7) U.S. patent application No. 09/364,099, filed July 30, 1999 (not published).

Additionally, Applicant would like to point out to the Examiner the following two patents that may be related to the present application:

(1) U.S. Patent No. 6,457,504, issued October 1, 2002; and

(2) U.S. Patent No. 6,623,584, issued September 23, 2003.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim(s) in the application and Applicant determines that the cited document(s) do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document(s).

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this SIDS, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	6,457,504	01OCT02	Caretta			
	6,623,584	23SEP03	Caretta			
	US 2001/0023737 A1		Caretta et al.			Published 27SEP01
	US 2001/0042587 A1		Caretta et al.			Published 22NOV01
	US-2002-0011297-A1		Caretta et al.			Published 31JAN02
	US 2002/0029841 A1		Caretta et al.			Published 14MAR02
	US 2002/0056498 A1		Caretta et al.			Published 16MAY02
	US 2002/0189737 A1		Caretta			Published 19DEC02
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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